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July 26th, 1917

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University,

Halifax, N.S.

Dear President Mackenzie:

In the absence of President Falconer I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your answer to his request for information in regard to the war activities of your University. I am sure this is just what is wanted.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

Mackenzie, Arthur Stanley President, Dalhousie University

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October 25th, 1917

Dear President Mackenzie:

We are considering the question of the Latin chair, and it is giving us a great deal of anxious thought, because Latin is going through such a hard time at present, that it is essential for us to get a man who will make it a vital factor in the education of the Province. Principal Sutton and the other members of the classical staff are of course taking a great interest in the matter. They know Mustard well; much better than I do, though I have seen a good deal of him in the last few years. There is no question as to his scholarship nor as to his personal qualifications.. I have always had a great deal of pleasure in meeting him. There is another of our graduates also, who holds a high position in the United States, and other things being equal of course there is no doubt that we should have a graduate of our own. Before coming to a conclusion, however, what we have to consider is the best thing we can do for the students and for the future of Latin in the University. I therefore hesitate to say anything further in the matter.

I am glad to know that your enrollment is keeping up, and I hope that conscription will not trouble you seriously. Just as with you we are facing a probable reduction through the draft. I am afraid that the fact that we have done so well hitherto will not weigh much with the ordinary tribunal in the matter of exemption Also, apart from the medical and dental students I am doubtful

whether it would be a wise policy for the Universities to put up much plea for the exemption of men who are over twenty. I have written to Sir Robert Borden asking him to advise men under twenty who are putting collegeward to continue their work. He sympathised entirely with the proposition but has referred me to the Provincial authorities, and I am now taking it up with Sir William Hearst. A word from each Provincial Premier to the youth in the High Schools might be of great service to us.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University.

February 26th, 1918

President Stanley Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

My dear Mackenzie:

I am delighted to know that you are to get $60,000 to endow your chair in Government and Political Science. It will be a great lift for you and the division of History and Political Economy is really overdue. I hope it in only the beginning of other equally generous benefactions.

You are naturally looking for a man of very high grade, and I am afraid that at the moment I have no man whom I could suggest. Perhaps Chester Martin of the University of Manitoba is as promising as any of the younger men who have come from Oxford. I suppose you could not get Noxon back from Saskatchewan. I should think he would fill the bill admirably if he could be budged. I know that he made a speech at the Annual Meeting of the National Trust Company which was regarded as masterful.

Monroe of Harvard might know of some one. He is said to be quite an influential man in Harvard, and his chair is Government. He is a graduate of Queen's.

If you wish to get a man from England I should strongly advise you to write to A. L. Smith of Balliol. He knows these young men, has a direct personal interest in them, and is also well acquainted with Canada. If you do now know him you might mention my name.

It is a particularly interesting chair to fill but by no means easy. The more I think of it the more I believe Nixon is the ideal man if he could be got.

With many kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 22nd, 1918

President Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

I have read your Annual Report with much interest. You have indeed been fortunate in your record of benefactions during the last year. These are bright spots in what I know must have been otherwise a trying time for you. However, I believe that we shall all come through the war and into a larger life afterwards.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 19th, 1918

President A. S. Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

I know nothing about Reginald Trotter. Perhaps Shortt could tell you something about him if he has been working at the Archives at Ottawa.

With regard to Clarke I learn that he is quite young, is a very agreeable fellow, has very sound views on education, seems to be a good teacher, and is regarded as having promise by those who know him at Queen's.

Censit of McMaster applied for our Associate-professorship in Political Economy three years ago, but after we had looked into the matter carefully we decided not to take him. I think he is probably a very good man, but whether he is large enough to inaugurate such an important chair as you are about to fill I doubt. The initial success of the gift will depend so largely on the calibre of the man who fills the place.

I will make some further inquiries and let you know if anything turns up. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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